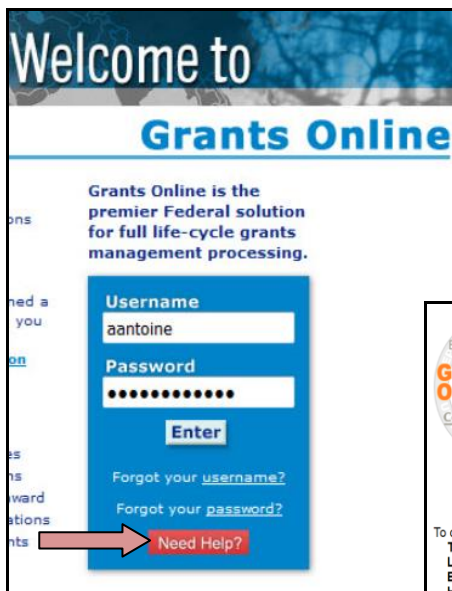*Release Notes for Grants Online Version 4.25*
Date Deployed: May 18, 2018

The Release Notes convey recent system upgrades and modifications. Click here to view the Help Desk contact information and reference other Grants Online training resources.

Global

1. There is a **"Need Help?"** button on the Grants Online login screen. Click the button to view Grants Online Help Desk contact information. Also on the page, there is contact information for Grants.gov and links to Grants Online training resources   [JIRA: GOL-729]

2. The system time-out alert interval occurs every 20 minutes; the previous time interval was every 10 minutes. To prevent the loss of work, it is strongly recommended that the user regularly save his/her work on a regular basis. [JIRA: GOL-768]

Inbox Tab

1. The action associated with the assignment of roles/affiliations has been enhanced. Under this enhancement the following rules are in effect. [JIRA: GOL-656]

   - Prevent a new role from being added to a delegator's account that is not also already on the delegate's account. An attempt to circumvent the new rule results in an error message that specifies why the sys admin cannot add the new role.

   - Prevent a role from being removed from the delegate's account that is still on the delegator's account. An attempt to circumvent the new rule results in an error message that specifies why the sys admin cannot remove the role(s).

RFA Tab

1. A link to the guidance document associated with the Application Due Date has been established.
   http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/grantsonline/Documents/ApplicationDueDateGuidance.pdf
   [JIRA: GOL-780]

Application Tab

1. For non-interfaced awards, when adding a new organization, the Provisional Organization
   processing commences after the Conduct Negotiations step. If the user attempts to obtain
   information from CBS prior to completion of Provisional Organization processing an error message
   is displayed. On the other hand, for interfaced awards there is a call to CBS. If there is a match for
   that organization in SAM.gov, processing continues as usual.

   The vendor control steps (reference the UNI-3 process diagram – steps 23 - 30) are similar to
   those used when processing an Individual (Application Type). During processing the person with
   the Vendor Data Control role can manually insert vendor information into Grants Online.   [JIRA:
   GOL-486]

Prepare Applications for Funding Overview (UNI-3)
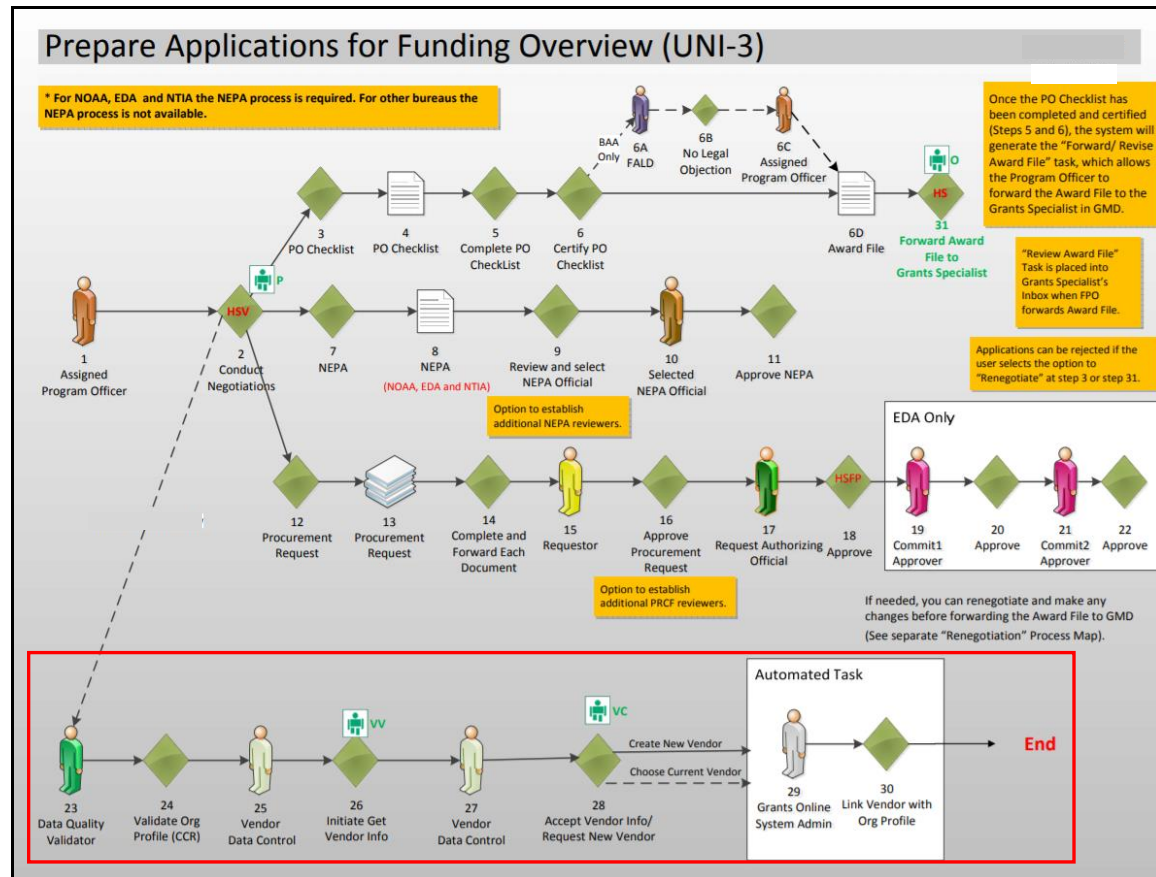
2. Under the *Available Special Award Conditions* heading, the items included in the display are limited to the user's Bureau. The items displayed are aggregated by subgroup.

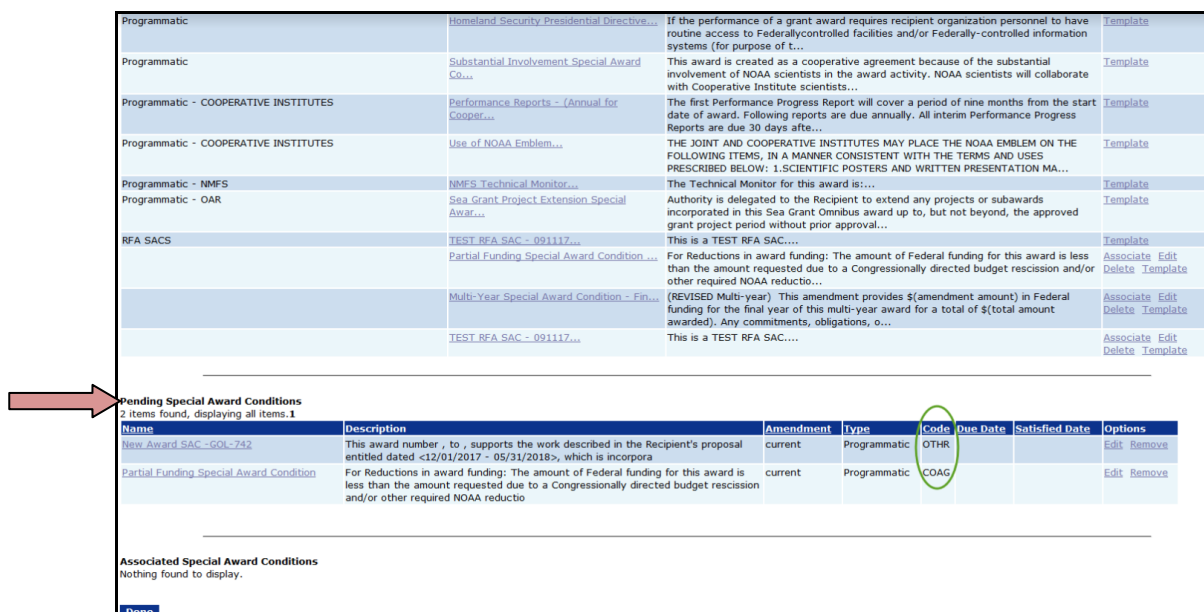| Group Name	Name	Description	Options
Administrative - NEW or CONTINUATION AWARD	Multi-Year Special Award Condition - Fin...	(REVISED Multi-year) This amendment provides $(amendment amount) in Federal funding for the final year of this multi-year award for a total of $(total amount awarded). Any commitments, obligations, o...	View
Administrative - NEW or CONTINUATION AWARD	Handling of Environmental Data or PeerR...	1. Data Sharing: Environmental data collected or created under this Grant, Cooperative Agreement, or Contract must be made publicly visible and accessible in a timely manner, free of charge or at mini...	View
Administrative - NEW or CONTINUATION AWARD	Matching Requirement...	Since this award requires the Recipient to provide $(From matching requirement on CD-450 or 451) in project-related costs from non-Federal sources, the Recipient must maintain in its official accounti...	View
Administrative - NEW or CONTINUATION AWARD	Multi-Year Special Award Condition...	MULTI-YEAR SAC for New Awards and Amendments(except final year). Add the word (REVISED) before the Sac for Amendments. The only revision for amendments would be the funding amount available (i.e. tota...	View
Administrative - NEW or CONTINUATION AWARD	New Award SAC...	This award number <AWARD_NUMBER>, to <RECIPIENT NAME>, supports the work described in the Recipient's proposal entitled <PROJECT TITLE> dated <APPLICATON DATE>, which is incorporated into the award by...	View
Administrative - NEW or CONTINUATION AWARD	Tangible Property Reporting and Disposit...	[DO NOT INCLUDE ON RESEARCH AWARDS] Equipment costs and/or supplies have been identified and budgeted in the grant application. The Recipient must report such costs to NOAA. The SF-428, SF-428-B (fina...	View
Administrative - COOPERATIVE INSTITUTES	Competitive Award Special Award Conditio...	The University/NOAA MOA would be incorporated by reference into the terms of the competitive award. Any performance reports (s) for the competitive project must follow the timetable of the funding pro...	View
Administrative - PARTIAL FUNDING	Partial Funding Special Award Condition ...	For Increases in award funding: The amount of Federal funding for this award is greater than the amount requested due to NOAA priorities. The cost sharing/matching requirement, if any, has been comme...	View
Administrative - PARTIAL FUNDING	Partial Funding Special Award Condition ...	The amount of Federal funding for this amendment is partial funding for the budget period, additional funding will be awarded through an amendment at a later date this budget period....	View
Administrative - PARTIAL FUNDING	Partial Funding Special Award Condition ...	For Reductions in award funding: The amount of Federal funding for this award is less than the amount requested due to a Congressionally directed budget rescission and/or other required NOAA reduction...	View

Under the *Pending Special Award Conditions* heading, each item has a Code associated with it. The Code ensures the Special Award Condition was correctly selected and associated with the Award. [JIRA: GOL-563]

3. The problem associated with applications that are submitted to Grants.gov and subsequently downloaded to Grants Online has been resolved. To allow adequate time for an application to be transferred to Grants Online, please allow 48 hours after the application due date before contacting the Grants Online Help Desk. [JIRA: GOL-626]

4. On the PO Checklist, the text under the **Research Terms & Conditions Prior Approval and Other Requirements** has been simplified to provide clarification. [JIRA: GOL-628]

5. During the *Conduct Negotiations* process when the FPO is attempting to add an Organization:

    a. The organization is in SAM.gov (active registration) ➔ the system allows that organization to be selected (i.e., there is a "Select" hyperlink in the first column).

    b. The organization is in SAM.gov (expired registration) ➔ the system prevents that organization from being selected (i.e., there not a "Select" hyperlink in the first column and there is a red box highlighting the organization's SAM.gov expiration date).

    c. The organization is NOT in SAM.gov. The only application type that can be added (using the **Add a New Organization** hyperlink) is *Individual*.

NOTE: In most cases, within 1-2 days of when an organization is registered with SAM.gov, the organization can successfully be updated (available for selection) in Grants Online. [JIRA: GOL-635]

Screen Image for 5b:

Awards Tab

1. The rules associated with revising an approved PRCF have been modified. [JIRA: GOL-385]:

   The limitation that only a certified FPO can revise an approved PRCF has been removed. Now any FPO, within the Program Office with which the assigned FPO is affiliated, can revise an approved PRCF.

2. Recipients can submit Performance Progress Reports (PPRs) and Federal Financial Reports (FFRs) beyond the closeout period (defined as the ninety (90) days after the Award End Date) without requesting an extension to the award performance period. However, if the Financial Closeout is in progress, no FFRs can be submitted. However, PPRs can still be submitted – whether within the 90 days or outside of the 90 days.
   [JIRA: GOL-405] **Also Reference:** [JIRA: GOL-63] and [JIRA: GOL-524].

3. When the *Change in PD/PI* or the *Change in Key Personnel* Award Action Request is approved, the Recipient Administrator has a task to Manage Users. The Manage Users task is available from the Action dropdown menu (second screen image). When task is completed (i.e., it is removed from the Recipient Administrator's Inbox), the Federal Program Officer and the Grants Specialist receive an email notification. [JIRA: GOL-596]

Task to update Key Personnel

4. For the Satisfy Specific Conditions Award Action Request, rather than displaying a number for the SAC (Special Award Condition) Name, the Federal Program Officer screen correctly displays the name of the SAC. [JIRA: GOL-675]

5. On the SF-425 (item 11); there were two data elements identified as 11e. That has been corrected; the first item is 11e; the second item is 11f. [JIRA: GOL-751]

6. For both the interim and final Performance Progress Reports (PPRs), the Notification Schedule for delinquent PPR acceptance has been increased from thirty (30) days to ninety (90) days. [JIRA: GOL-752]

7. The issue with an inaccurate Checklist Completion Date being displayed when a new ASAP vendor was added to Grants Online has been corrected. [JIRA: GOL-761]

8. The hyperlink for the **What is Fly America Act** guidance (on the Foreign Air Carrier for Travel page) has been fixed. [JIRA: GOL-793]
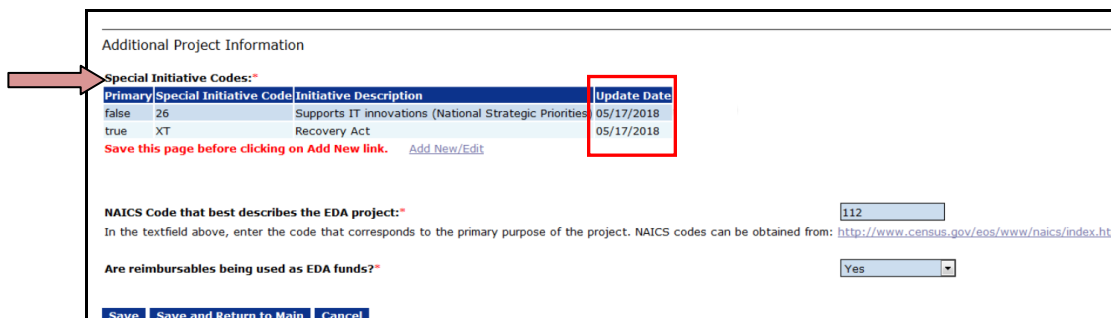
9. The Grants Specialist or the Director role on an award can be reassigned. [JIRA: GOL-795; Kayako: YZM-245-40778]

EDA

1. The information associated with Special Initiatives Codes on the EDA-Specific PO Checklist Elements screen has been modified. Under the ***Additional Project Information*** header, the Update Date is visible.

The Grants Online Help Desk can, at the request of the EDA Project Office, include additional Special Initiatives Codes. [JIRA: GOL-742; Kayako: PAK-688-81451]